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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA: MEETINGS WITH GREEK-CYPRIOT
AND TURKISH-CYPRIOT TEAMS ON APRIL 4

1. I HAD BRIEF, SEPARATE MEETINGS THIS MORNING WITH BOTH
THE GREEK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOT NEGOTIATING TEAMS.
TURKISH "OBSERVER" GUVENDIREN WAS ALSO PRESENT DURING MY
MEETING WITH THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

2. AT BOTH MEETINGS, I CONFINED MY COMMENTS ON THE
TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS THAT HAD BEEN
SUBMITTED TO A RECITATION OF THE FOUR POINTS CONTAINED IN
PARA 1 OF STATE 73272. THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS SAID THEY
WERE MOST GRATEFUL FOR THESE COMMENTS, WERE PREPARED TO
DESCRIBE THE PROBLEMS THEY HAD WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOT
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MAP IN EXACTLY THE DETAIL WE HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED
DESIRABLE, AND WERE READY TO ENTER INTO A FRANK EXCHANGE
OF VIEWS ON THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS AND, WHEN
POSSIBLE, ELABORATE, EXPAND AND MODIFY THEM.

3. THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMPLAINED BITTERLY ABOUT THE
PUBLICATION OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT MAP BY THE CYPRIOT

GOVERNMENT, AND BY THE CONTINUING BACKGROUING OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH NEWSMEN IN VIENNA BY CYPRIOT CBC DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHIES. DESPITE THESE ACTIONS, WHICH ONAN SAID COULD NOT HELP BUT UNDERMINE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS, THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WERE PREPARED TO KEEP THE CURRENT ROUND GOING THROUGH WEDNESDAY, WITH MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS DEVOTED ALTERNATIVELY TO DISCUSSION OF TERRITORY AND CONSTITUTIONALITY. ONAN ALSO SAID THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WERE PRREPARED TO RECONVENE THE TALKS IN EARLY MAY IN NICOSIA AND TO SET A CONCRETE DATE FOR THIS BEFORE THE VIENNA TALKS RECESSED.

4. GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATING LEADER PAPADOPULOS SAID THAT HE, TOO, WAS PREPARED TO CONTINUE THE CURRENT ROUND IN VIENNA THROUGH APRIL 6. A PROLONGED DISCUSSION ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION WAS POSSIBLE IF THE TURKS SHOWED ANY READINESS AT ALL TO DISCUSS THE TERRITORIAL PROBLEM. MOREOVER, ALL HE ASKED ON TERRITORY WAS THAT THE TURKS TELL HIM WHERE THEY WANTED CHANGES IN THE MAP, SO THAT HE COULD GO BACK TO NICOSIA AND EXPLAIN MINIMUM TURKISH REQUIREMENTS TO HIS GOVERNMENT. THE TURKS NEED NOT DRAW A NEW LINE OR SUBMIT A COUNTER-PROPOSAL, BUT THEY DID HAVE TO LET HIM KNOW WHAT THEY WANTED IN SOME DETAIL.

5. PAPADOPOULOS SAID HE WAS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH US VIEWS ON THE NATURE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS. HE SAID HE HAD COME AWAY FROM OUR PREVIOUS MEETING ON FRIDAY CONVINCED THAT THE GREEK

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CYPRIOTS SHOULD NOT PUT A CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTER-PROPOSAL ON THE TABLE THIS WEEK BUT, INSTEAD, RESPONDED SENTENCE BY SENTENCE AND PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOT DRAFT. HE WOULD NOT DISMISS THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS OUT OF HAND, AND WOULD TRY TO EXPLAIN GREEK CYPRIOT CONCEPTS OF FEDERATION, AND OUTLINE WHY CERTAIN TURKISH CYPRIOT IDEAS WOULD SIMPLY NOT WORK. PAPADOPOULOS SAID HE WOULD PROPOSE WHOLE SENTENCES AND PARAGRAPHS TO COVER POINTS WHICH HE FELT WERE INADEQUATELY DEALT WITH IN THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT DRAFT. PAPADOPOULOS SAID THAT HIS SIDE WAS ALSO PREPARED TO SET A DATE FOR RESUMING THE TALKS IN NICOSIA. APRIL 20 WOULD BE TOO SOON TO BEGIN AGAIN, BUT THE FIRST WEEK IN MAY WAS POSSIBLE.

4. COMMENT: I WAS MODESTLY ENCOURAGED BY MY CONVERSATIONS THIS MORNING, AND BELIEVE THAT WITH SOME PUSHING AND IMAGINATION FROM THE UN, THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE ON BOTH IMPORTANT SUBJECTS--

TERRITORY AND CONSTITUTIONALITY--OVER THE NEXT
THREE DAYS. MEEHAN

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